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## **DES TO SPONSOR “ADOPT A CLASS” EVENTS**

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Employee Services and Support, will sponsor kindergarten classes from Shaw Elementary, located in central Phoenix, in the “Adopt A Class” program. Their teachers will escort the children to the DES facility at 1140 E. Washington, Suites 109 and 110. There will be approximately 70 children participating in this event. This is the third year that the Division of Employee Services and Support has sponsored this program.

On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM the Division of Employee Services and Support, Office of Special Investigations facility at 1301 E. Washington will host their “Adopt A Class: program for approximately 50 kindergarten children from the Shaw Elementary School. This is the eighth year that the Office of Special Investigations has sponsored this event. A total of 5 kindergarten classes and over 100 children will take part in these two holiday events.

All the children have created their own ornaments that serve as their wish list. All participating employees picked an ornament and committed to purchasing a gift. Refreshments will be provided for the children and Santa will make a grand entrance. Santa will call each child up to sit on his lap and have pictures taken as they each receive their presents. The Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Van Braswell, Assistant Director for the Division of Employee Services and Support.

Large segments of the school’s student population are economically disadvantaged. The Division of Employee Services and Support staff wanted to provide festivities in the neighborhood for these children who otherwise may not receive any gifts for the holiday season.